Russia has been satisfactory. Out of the two ground models, one has been delivered. The other model is expected to be delivered shortly. Considerable progress has been made in first flight unit.

Consequent to the deletion of technology transfer from the above agreement, Government has approved the indigenous development of the cryogenic upper stage in 1994. Significant progress has been achieved in this programme till date. All the test facilities are established to test the engine. Activities towards realising the engine and stage also are progressing satisfactorily.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There has been no recent visit by PM to Russia.

(e) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., a Defence Public Sector Undertaking under the control of the Ministry of Defence has formed a Joint venture company with Russian partners viz., MAPO MiG, Ryazan State Instrument Plan (GRPZ), GK Roosvoorouzhenie with the objective inter alia, to source spare parts for the aircraft of Russian origin. The Company was incorporated in September 1994 and has since been satisfactorily functioning.

Funds for Non-Conventional Energy Sources

*237. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total funds sanctioned and released by the Government to the States for the development of non-conventional energy sources during the last three years, state-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): Total funds sanctioned and released by the Government to the States for the Development of Non-Conventional Energy Sources during the last three years i.e. 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 state-wise and year-wise, are given in the attached Table. (*See* below)

Statement

State-wise and year-wise total funds released under various programmes of non-conventional energy sources in the last three years i.e. 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	States/UTs	Total funds sanctioned and released during 1995-96	Total funds sanctioned and released during 1996-97	Total funds sanctioned and released during 1997-98
1	Andhra Pradesh	1005.55	671.64	956.81
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	695.44	122.86	684.25
3.	Assam	58.59	38.23	85.67
4.	Bihar	176.23	122.09	50.30
5.	Goa	36.03	12.44	11.76
6.	Gujarat	254.10	719.92	611.05
7.	Haryana	164.89	115.60	116.96
8.	Himachal Pradesh	149.31	322.03	361.65
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	40.06	122.60	61.58
10.	Karnataka	613.48	530.88	752.07
11.	Kerala	295.56	113.02	99.50
12.	Madhya Pradesh	562.97	988.80	770.84
13.	Maharashtra	981.04	760.90	697.46

S. No.	States/UTs	Total funds sanctioned and released during 1995-96	Total funds sanctioned and released during 1996-97	Total funds sanctioned and released during 1997-98
14.	Manipur	92.07	34.16	39.00
15.	Meghalaya	85.61	59.47	25.63
16.	Mizoram	801.41	378.36	943.64
17.	Nagaland	25.70	8.43	32.50
18.	Orissa	642.02	270.26	282.00
19.	Punjab	344.39	287.04	391.82
20.	Rajasthan	258.77	421.74	77.51
21.	Sikkim	170.29	149.89	158.04
22.	Tamil Nadu	848.73	386.38	457.99
23.	Tripura	14.63	6.90	20.66
24.	Uttar Pradesh	923.96	1033.06	497.14
25.	West Bengal	589.18	457.47	384.38
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	60.49	3.66	3.99
27.	Chandigarh	8.06	3.52	1.20
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1.44	0.00	0.00
29.	Daman & Diu	1.44	0.50	0.00
30.	Delhi	368.21	109.21	70.24
31.	Lakshadweep	2.70	1.19	0.00
32.	Pondicheery	9.26	7.03	5.53
33.	Others*	1674.55	2016.88	2964.74

*Funds released to agencies other than State Government and State Nodal Agencies underbiogas, improved chulha, biomass gasifier and small hydro power programmes.

Status of Planning Commission

*238. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission is a Constitutional body like the Finance Commission or it is an extra-constitutional body formed after the constitution was adopted;

(b) if it is a constitutional body, why its formation, authority and jurisdiction are not clearly specified in the constitution like the Finance Commission;

(c) whether National Development Council (NDC) is also an extra-constitutional body like the Planning Commission; and

(d) if not, what is the constitutional status and role of NDC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Planning Commission was set up by the Cabinet Secretariat Resolution dated the 15th March, 1950 and is not a constitutional body like the Finance Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The National Development Council was set up by a Resolution of the Cabinet Secretariat dated August 6, 1952 to strengthen and mobilise the effort and resources of the nation in support of the Five Year Plan, to promote common economic policies in all vital spheres and to ensure the balanced and raped development of all parts of the country. The Government considered the